



SEWER LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SLAP) APPLICATION*

Purpose: To assist and encourage homeowners to regularly clean and maintain their sewer lateral line. Homeowners are responsible for the entire sewer lateral from the building to the point of connection (including the connection) with Costa Mesa Sanitary District's (CMSD) main line.

Why: To prevent sewer backups and spills. Sewer spills cause very expensive damage to the interior of a house and the environment, particularly the beaches.

What causes sewer spills: Laterals that are not regularly maintained become inoperable because tree roots enter the line and block the flow or misalign the pipe joints. Without regular maintenance, the damage becomes severe and excavation of the lateral is necessary. Regular maintenance will also remove other blockages including debris, rocks and grease.

Contribution by the CMSD: CMSD will reimburse 50% of the homeowner or Homeowners Association costs up to a maximum of \$1,100 total per residential parcel as follows:

- Up to 50% of televising the lateral interior
- Up to 50% of cleaning the lateral
- Up to 50% of the cost of installing a clean out
- Up to 50% of lateral reconstruction costs

How do I apply: Submit application to:
Costa Mesa Sanitary District
290 Paularino Ave.
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
FAX: (949) 650-2253
Email: permits@cmsdca.gov

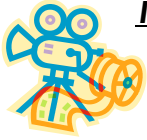
Application and more program details available at www.cmsdca.gov

Program Limitations: Homeowners may only apply for participation in the program once every five years. CMSD's General Manager has discretion over all decisions. Residents must cooperate by adhering to the Program Requirements. SLAP is only available for residential property, not for commercial or industrial property. **Funding for this program is limited. Reimbursement is on a first come first served basis. Any work completed prior to approval of the application is not eligible for reimbursement.**

***Receiving financial assistance REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL TO THE PROGRAM by CMSD. A "before" video of the sewer lateral interior must be submitted PRIOR to CMSD granting approval and an "after" video is required prior to reimbursement. ALL REPAIR work requires a PERMIT. A penalty fee will be assessed for work done without a permit.**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

BEFORE BEGINNING WORK



1. Property owner calls a plumber for closed circuit television (CCTV)

- Must have date and footage counter shown on the video screen.
- Narration and/or show of address, date, contractor is required.
- Must include the entire lateral line (from house until passed the point of connection to CMSD main line)
- Camera must be moved through the line at a uniform speed less of than 30 feet per minute to enable independent review and evaluation.
- Camera should be stopped for a minimum of 5 seconds at broken sections, root intrusion, misaligned joints, or other defects.
- CMSD reserves right to request re-video of any video not sufficiently clear enough to view.

THERE ARE NO EMERGENCY REPAIRS - Snake a hole for drainage & CCTV for review; Any work performed prior to approval for program is not eligible for reimbursement other than CCTV of lateral line.



2. Property owner submits application & CCTV (DVD/USB)

- Submit a completed application and a “before” video of sewer lateral to CMSD.
- Videos older than three months will not be accepted.
- Work must be completed within six months from application date.



3. Costa Mesa Sanitary District Staff reviews video

- District Staff reviews videos within 5 business days of receipt and contacts property owner/manager to discuss.
- If it is determined from CCTV review that homeowner’s lateral line is defective, the owner is to solicit bids from at least three (3) licensed plumbing contractors to ensure a fair complete bid.



4. Contractor obtains permit from CMSD before beginning repairs

- Sewer Lateral Permit fees will be waived. (Up to a maximum of \$240.00)
- Penalty fees will be assessed for work performed without a permit.

BEFORE COMPLETING WORK



5. Contractor calls CMSD for inspection

- Call CMSD inspector at least 2 hours in advance to schedule inspection.
- Work must be completed within six months.

AFTER WORK IS COMPLETED



6. Property owner submits an after video & paid receipts to the District

- Property owner obtains an “after” video from licensed plumber and submits to CMSD.
- Property owner submits copies of paid-in-full itemized invoices for work performed.
- Property owner submits proof of payment (copy of cleared check or credit card statement)
- CMSD reimburses 50% of cost, up to \$1,100 to property owner/manager or Homeowners Association (HOA).



7. Property owner picks up “before” & “after” video from CMSD.

- Videos not claimed within one month after reimbursement will be discarded.



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HOMEOWNER'S INFORMATION

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Owner's Name	
Property Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Phone Number	
E-mail Address	
Mailing Address (Check mailed to this address)	
Description of Sewer Lateral Problem	

HOMEOWNER'S AGREEMENT

Is your property part of a Homeowners Association (HOA)? *(For properties subject to an HOA, either the HOA applies, or the HOA must grant the property owner written permission for the property owner to apply).* ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of years you have owned this property? ☐ 1-5 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 10-15+

Have you participated in SLAP before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have thoroughly read pages 1 – 3 of this application and understand the requirements for the SLAP including but not limited to:

- Receiving financial assistance requires prior approval to the program by CMSD
- Application and before video must be submitted prior to any work being performed
- **THERE ARE NO EMERGENCY REPAIRS**
- Penalty fees will be assessed for work performed without a permit
- Work must be completed within 6 months of application date
- After video and paid invoices must be submitted within 6 months of application date
- Property owner is responsible to make sure all invoices have been submitted to CMSD

I agree to abide by all requirements. I understand that applicants who do not follow the requirements of this program will not be eligible for reimbursement.

INITIAL: _____

As the owner of the property listed on this application, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Costa Mesa Sanitary District and its officers, employees and agents harmless from any and all claims or liability arising out of the work performed and actions taken in connection with the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program.

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE

DATE

DVD/USB PICK-UP SIGNATURE

DATE

